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SUBJECT

Permitting Presidents of District Boards to Correspond direct with Government

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Administrative matters dealt with by the Committee appointed to revise the Municipal Account Manual.

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47 **Subject.**

Permitting Presidents to correspond direct with Government

Suggestions by Mr. K. Rangaiengar, President, M.C. Mangalore.

Presidents of all Municipalities should be given the power to correspond directly with the Government.

Decision of the Committee.

To be worked up by the Special Officer, L.S.G.

Special Officer's notes.

The rules regarding correspondence by or with Municipal Councils are laid down in G.O.No.250-9Ml.44-18-1 dated 3rd July 1918. At present Municipal Councils of City Municipalities carry on --

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correspondence direct with Government and Heads of Departments and District Boards. In the case of Town Municipal Councils it is required that the correspondence should pass through the Deputy Commissioner, while in the case of Minor Municipal Councils all correspondence should be addressed to the Deputy Commissioner.

2. There is no provision in the Municipal Regulation enabling Government to pass these rules but it is open to them to refuse action on communications addressed to them in controvention of the procedure prescribed. Moreover, as the Deputy Commissioners have little control over the City Municipal Councils the power of direct correspondence with Government granted to them is unobjectionable. In the case of Town Municipalities it is expedient and necessary that the Deputy Commissioner should be kept informed of what transpires in ~~such~~ District Municipalities in order that the control over Municipal administration vested in him by law may be efficiently exercised. In the case of Minor Municipal Councils, the Deputy Commissioner can dispose of most of the references as he has been invested with powers of sanction regarding establishments, works etc under Rule 27 of the Municipal Account Manual and rare communications on which Government will have to pass orders may be addressed by the Deputy Commissioner himself with his own opinion. Mr. K.Ranga Iyengar suggests that Presidents of all Municipalities should be given power to correspond directly with the Government and the Committee appointed to revise the

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Municipal Account Manual have left the question to be worked up by the Sepcial Officer. For the reasons noted in para 2 supra any change in the existing procedure appears to be uncalled for. Mr. Ranga Iyengar has not given any reasons for changing the present procedure nor brought to notice any inconvenience in following the same. The principle already laid down in this respect is sound and requires no alteration. If for any reason correspondence through the Deputy Commissioner appears inexpedient in the case of any Municipality, I think a better course would be to - see if the circumstances of the Municipality do not ~~deserve~~ - indicate the desirability of its conversion into a City Municipality. This however will take a long time & accompanied even in the case of one of Head Quarter Cities

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The present rule is all right and requires no change.

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